

From: [Carolyn Puente](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: 69 Adams ULURP Testimony
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:58:03 PM

Dear Council Members,

As a resident of the DUMBO neighborhood, I implore you to reject the ULURP for 69 Adams in order to protect the safety of our neighborhood and to prevent our residents and current commuters from facing further danger due to our eroding infrastructure that can't keep up with the pace of development.

How much is the safety of our community worth? I would more than hope that our safety – that my safety - is not seriously being considered for sale for a paltry \$18 million.

To argue that “a large part” of this \$18 million can be invested back into the community is simply tone deaf, and quite frankly insulting, given the action our community has taken to date to raise our voices. The community has spoken clearly on this proposal – it has been repeatedly rejected, including by Community Board 2 and the Brooklyn Borough President. More than anything, our community wants to protect itself. The Council Members should respect that wish and listen to the community they serve. Our community is aware that \$18 million is no where near a value that can help, improve, or offset any of the issues we are facing.

There is NO benefit to our community from this proposal – yet we have many lives at risk by putting it through. Yes, we are aware that a building is going up; but the proposal to significantly expand that building does not need to go through. That incremental burden can be prevented. If and when something terrible happens at the York St subway due to overcrowding, ask yourself if a NO vote on this proposal could potentially have mitigated putting more people in harms way.

- Voting NO to the expansion is the only safe course of action for the community to keep them out of further danger
- Voting NO to the expansion is meaningful in terms of curbing the amount of development and infrastructure strain omnipresent in DUMBO today
- Voting NO to the expansion is the will of the Community as shown through all of the votes prior to this one

Regards,
Carolyn Puente

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From: [Ivo Stranic](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: 69 Adams ULURP Testimony
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:02:02 PM

Dear Council Members,

I urge you to reject the ULURP for 69 Adams and remind you that no one in the community supports this proposal, including Community Board 2 and the Brooklyn Borough President. This proposal only serves the interest of the developer and no one else. The community has unanimously reached this conclusion for the following reasons:

The additional commuters resulting from the transfer of air rights will place an even greater burden on the massively insufficient infrastructure in the DUMBO neighborhood, especially on the York St. subway station. This station is overcrowded and unsafe, it is in the top 5 fastest growing stations by ridership in New York, and its problems have been well-documented over the past decade. Furthermore, there are an additional 1000 apartment units being developed around this station over the next 3 years, which will make its infrastructure deficiency dangerous to the public. The MTA has provided several reasons why they cannot update the York St. station, and the likelihood of the MTA acting is basically zero. We must vote NO on this proposal in order to mitigate the danger to the community.

The cost and harms of the added infrastructure strain to the community as a result of this ULURP far outweigh the benefits that can be realized as a part of the \$18 million price tag. During my involvement in this project, it has become clear that \$18 million does not even begin to solve the issues faced by the DUMBO community, and therefore is not a sufficient and fair deal given the harms that will result from the transfer of air rights. This is the exact same conclusion that was reached by Community Board 2 and the Brooklyn Borough President. Let me clearly state that no one in the community supports this proposal, and it is evident that it only serves the interests of the developer. A vote to support this proposal is unconscionable.

Everyone in New York, including its community and politicians, agrees that developers have been making away like bandits during rezoning negotiations at the expense of the community. The only way this can change is for the city council to start voting NO on ULURP proposals until developers come to the table with benefits to the community that are commensurate to the economic benefit they receive. This ULURP presents no benefit whatsoever to the community, so a NO vote does not come at any expense.

Regards,

Ivo Stranic

DUMBO Resident

From: [Latrel Mosso](#)
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Subject: Testimony 69 Adam street York street train station
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TO: CITY COUNCIL

**FROM: Latrel Mosso, Member: Farragut Stakeholders, Disabilities in
Action, National Federation for the Blind**

RE: ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE YORK ST. SUBWAY STATION

March 17, 2021

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Whether or not the building project goes through, funding and attention must be given to correcting the unacceptable conditions in the York St. subway station which will only be made much worse if we have even more people using the station in the near future.

- The station is covered in dust particles that swirl around and into people's faces and lungs when the train arrives
- The platform is narrow and the crowd size is large during rush hours; over 4 million people use this station each year
- There is no accommodation for those requiring ADA accommodations like wheel chairs or children in strollers or people with serious visual impairments
- Other stations with an increase in traffic in the last five years have had major upgrading work done, but not the York St. station
- There is a single entrance/exit which is accessed after going through several flights of stairs and a long ramp before getting to the train or the exit
- Further stress upon an already fragile York St. station is inevitable due to the expansion of the Brooklyn Navy Yard which has already begun

I am against the 69 Adams St. building project unless a serious upgrade of the York St. station can be part of the process. The DUMBO and Farragut Housing residents, and those using the #69 bus connection to the subway at York St. must be provided with a safe subway station especially if there is to be a major increase in the population using the station.

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3/20/2021
Farragut Stakeholders

Against the Rezoning Without Conditions that Truly Benefit the Farragut Community

We the Farragut Stakeholders are fully aware this proposal for a change in land use zoning regarding 69 Adams Street is district 33 and the representative tasked with the decision to approve is Stephen T Levin. The Farragut community is in District 35 and is represented by Laurie A. Cumbo. This decision however has a direct impact on the quality of life for Farragut residents in that the new construct would be a short walking distance and sharing the train station Farragut has frequented for decades before, the rapid development in DUMBO.

The Farragut community has been disenfranchised and marginalized in the way the districts have carved around and developed all around its borders but there has yet to be any significant changes, development or cultural programming to benefit the tenants in regards to employment, education or opportunity for upward mobility. The jobs that were to come with Wegmans are now far and few in between for our community with explanation exercising farce ship.

This proposal to build commercial space within this construction is both unnecessary and potentially burdensome. The York Street subway station is already operating at capacity for its physical status. The station has one exit for both entrance and exit, extremely narrow train platform and subpar ventilation. This station without the additional ridership from this proposed rezoning is in desperate need of repair, updates and ADA accessibility. This Subway station is a danger zone at this very moment. There are already large buildings being constructed that will contribute tremendously to the foot traffic of the area and the subway station. We in this area cannot tolerate anymore.

In the event, that this proposal is passed it must be under the conditions of funding for updating the York street subway station so it can be safer for patrons like myself with small children and people with disabilities. Funding for the development of Farragut Houses to address the decades long issues must be a condition as well. Farragut has been the forgotten piece for a long time and the Farragut Stakeholders will no longer allow it. There are needs that must be addressed such as, after-school/summer programs for children and teens in the neighborhood, additional funding for failing neighborhood schools, and issues for safe habitation like maintenance, infestations and security.

We will no longer pretend that because districts 33 and 35 are politically presented as two separate entities that they somehow are unworthy of the same investment and quality of life. York Street is the gate keeping of the investment and development this community needs. South of York Street equals the short end of the stick. If this proposal is passed there needs to be 18 million dollars of funding to support investment into the safety and livelihoods of York street commuters and the Farragut community.

Salisa Hudson,

Farragut Stakeholder Civic Group